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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT CORRECTED)

FOR S/S

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNGA, FI
SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL FINNISH ATTENDANCE AT UN SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT

REF: STATE 099511

1. FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER PAAVO VAYRYNEN WILL LEAD HIS
COUNTRY'S DELEGATION DURING PART OF UN SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT IN NEW YORK MAY 23-JUNE 28. DATES OF HIS STAY
IN NEW YORK WILL BE DECIDED LATER THIS WEEK FOLLOWING HIS
RETURN FROM ABROAD.

2. MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT VAYRYNEN
CAN MEET WITH THE SECRETARY, AS HE DID AT LAST FALL'S UNGA
AS WELL AS IN PARIS AT LAST JUNE'S OECD MEETING. THE FINNS
WERE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THESE PREVIOUS MEETINGS WHICH
ALSO SERVE U.S. OBJECTIVES IN FINLAND BY UNDERSCORING U.S.
SUPPORT FOR FINLAND'S NEUTRALITY AND INDEPENDENCE. MORE-
OVER, FINLAND IS EXPECTED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND SIGNIFICANT
ROLE AT THE SSOD, AS IT DOES ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES GENERALLY.
A REVIEW OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES AS WELL AS A DISCUSSION
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OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES WOULD BE USEFUL
TOPICS IF VAYRYNEN MEETS THE SECRETARY DURING THE
SPECIAL SESSION. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT VAYRYNEN
BE INCLUDED ON THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE.

3. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO
INFORMALLY MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY, NOT CONSIDERED

LIKELY AT THE PRESENT TIME, THAT PRESIDENT KEKKONEN
MIGHT ATTEND PART OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, PARTICULARLY
IF IT APPEARS THAT MAJOR RESULTS WILL BE ACHIEVED.
EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THE FINNISH DELEGATION
AS SOON AS ITS COMPOSITION AND TRAVEL DATES BECOME
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